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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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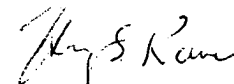
SUBJECT : Status of Disclosure Actions on "Yellow Rain"

1. We have asked for NFIB approval of the sanitized version of the SNIE on "Use of Toxins and Other Lethal Chemicals in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan" for release to State by COB Tuesday, 16 February. [redacted] are also at the printers. In the meantime, State and ICA are already at work editing a draft version of the paper which we have made available to them on a close-hold basis. Rick Burt is developing an elaborate public release scenario, involving distribution of tens of thousands of copies world wide, a program of briefings on the Hill, a USG briefing team to share technical data with allies, etc.

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2. The timing of the initial release by State is still about three weeks off, allowing time for printing, prepositioning of copies abroad, etc. One modality of release State is considering is a USG report transmitted by Secretary Haig to the chairman of an appropriate Senate committee or subcommittee.

3. In view of all this we may wish to consider limiting for the time being our distribution of the classified SNIE on the Hill to our two intelligence committees. We can then steer other Hill requests (such as Senator Pell's last Tuesday) to those committees.


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